

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam Checklist

Documented Vessels 40' to < 65', within Coastal Waters

Vessel Name:	Number:	
BRIDGE & DOCUMENTS		
33 CFR 173 46 CFR 67	Registration/Documents/Markings: Certificate of documentation on board & valid. Name on both sides, forward part of hull, name & hailing port on stern, $\geq 4''$ letters, contrasting color. Official number permanently marked on main beam.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.165	Injury Placard: Required on all vessels.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 155.450	Oil Pollution Placard: Required on all vessels $\geq 26'$.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 151.59	MARPOL (Garbage) Placard: Required on all vessels $\geq 26'$.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Navigation Lights: During darkness and/or in or near areas of restricted visibility Side Lights (112.5°), Mast Head Light (225°) & Stern Light (135°). Fishing Lights: In a vertical line, one meter apart. Red over White (360°) all other than trawling; Green over White (360°) when trawling.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Dayshapes: Two black cones, apex to apex (not required on trollers).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Sound Producing Devices: Vessels 12m – 20m (39.4' – 65.6'): Whistle audible for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile & 7.9" bell.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.210	First Aid/CPR: If beyond the Boundary Line, requires first aid & CPR trained & certified persons on board (POB) as follows: > 3 POB, one each; > 17 POB, two each; one POB holding both certifications is acceptable. Requires "suitable" first aid kit & first aid manual.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.225	Navigation Publications: If beyond the Boundary Line, requires corrected marine charts of operating area, U. S. Coast Pilot, Coast Guard Light List, Tide & Tidal Current Tables & a copy of Inland Navigation Rules.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.230	Magnetic Compass/Compass Deviation Table: Requires operable magnetic compass at operating station & a current compass deviation table.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.245 47 CFR 80 33 CFR 26.03 46 CFR 28.375	Communication Equipment: Requires a VHF-FM radiotelephone (156 – 162 MHz) at the operating station, capable of operating three hours off an emergency power supply.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
47 CFR 80.405	FCC Ship Radio Station License: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, all documented vessels required to carry radio transmitting equipment are required to have on board a current FCC Ship Radio Station License.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.240	General Alarm System: If beyond the Boundary Line and if there is an accommodation or workspace not adjacent to the operating station, requires an audible general alarm system with contact maker at the operating station; flashing red light in workspaces where the audible alarm is hard to hear (engine room), & red-letter warning signs "Attention General Alarm – When Alarm Sounds, Go To Your Station" at each bell or light. Public address system may be used if it meets criteria. Test prior to operating vessel & weekly afterwards.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.250	High Water Alarms: If beyond the Boundary Line, requires a visible & audible alarm at operating station to indicate high water in normally unmanned or non-watertight spaces (engine room, lazarette, fish hold, etc.).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.265	Emergency Instructions: If beyond the Boundary Line, requires written Emergency Instructions. Must be posted if ≥ 4 POB, kept available if < 4 POB.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.270	Instructions, Drills, & Safety Orientation: If beyond the Boundary Line, requires master or individual-in-charge ensure monthly drills & instructions given to each person on board by a trained drill conductor. There are ten Required Drills & Instructions. Before operating vessel, persons on board who have not had drills & instruction must receive a safety orientation.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.235	Anchors & Radar Reflectors: If beyond the Boundary Line, requires radar reflector if vessels lacks strong radar signature (usually fiberglass hull vessels). Requires adequate anchor & sufficient line/cable for operating area.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

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<i>LIFESAVING</i>		
46 CFR 28.145 46 CFR 28.140	Visual Distress Signals: 3 hand-held rocket-propelled parachute red flares plus 6 hand red flares plus 3 floating orange smoke distress signals.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.110 46 CFR 28.135 46 CFR 28.140	Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs): Inside the Boundary Line, requires one Type I, V or immersion suit for each person on board. Beyond the Boundary Line, requires one immersion suit for each person on board. Immersion suit needs PFD light; PFD marked w/name of vessel/wearer & retroreflective tape (31 sq. in.) front & back, properly maintained & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.115 46 CFR 28.135	Ring Life Buoys: One 24" ring life buoy marked w/vessel name/number, four strips of retroreflective tape, 60' of floating line & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.120 46 CFR 28.125 46 CFR 28.130 46 CFR 28.140	Survival Craft: Inside Boundary Line; none required for warm water operations; for cold water operations, buoyant apparatus required if < 4 persons on board & inflatable buoyant apparatus required if ≥ 4 persons on board. From the Boundary Line out to three miles: For both cold & warm water operations; if < 4 persons on board requires a buoyant apparatus. If ≥ 4 persons on board; warm water operations requires a life float; cold water operations require an inflatable buoyant apparatus. Life float & buoyant apparatus must be marked w/vessel name/number, four strips retroreflective tape, 100' painter & electric light; stowed to float free. Inflatable buoyant apparatus may be stowed to float free or kept readily available.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
<i>ENGINE ROOM/MISCELLANEOUS</i>		
46 CFR 28.155 46 CFR 28.160 46 CFR 25.30	Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment: Three B-I or one B-I & one B-II fire extinguisher on board. Must be USCG, UL or FM approved; mounted in approved bracket; in good condition; must have pressure gauge or inspection record.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.35	Flame Arrestor: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.40	Ventilation: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 159.7	Marine Sanitation Device: Type I, II or III; required only if there is an installed toilet on board; Type III must be equipped to discharge ashore only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.215	Guards for Exposed Hazards: If beyond the Boundary Line, requires suitable hand covers, guards, or railings in way of machinery (gearing, chain or belt drives, rotating shafts, etc.) that may injure personnel. Not to restrict access to fishing gear.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.255	Bilge Pump, Piping & Dewatering Systems: If beyond the Boundary Line, requires bilge pumps & piping capable of dewatering any watertight space.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
50 CFR 600.730	Safe Boarding Ladder: If beyond the Boundary Line, required for vessels with more than 4 feet of freeboard.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

To schedule a "no fault, no penalty" voluntary dockside examination, please contact one of these fishing vessel safety professionals:

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In Virginia, call:

In southern New Jersey, call:

In North Carolina, call

the Baltimore, MD Examiner at (410) 576-2634

the Norfolk, VA Examiner at (757) 668-5533

the Philadelphia, PA Examiner at (215) 271-4989

the Atlantic Beach, NC Examiner at (252) 247-4562